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Enrichment Facility Proposed by Louisiana Energy Services for Lea County, NM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to submit a public comment regarding NREG-1790. Since the NEF was considered for multiple sites nationwide, I request that the environmental justice impacts be looked in to more thoroughly in that the EIS evaluate environmental justice issue in geographic comparison with national rates rather than just the State of New Mexico. I would like to be sure that the Lea County site was not chosen for its high-minority and low-income populace. Compared with the national population, Lea County is home to a disproportionate number of low-income persons and minorities and will thus be impacted disproportionately by the NEF. Since LES has a history of environmental justice issues, I request that further discussion of the facility's environmental justice impacts be included in the final EIS statement.

Thank you,

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